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4. Surrounded by barked wire: the land of "Object #1" in Suchum is like a city within a city. In the background the slopes raise up to the Caucus. The only entrance to the complex of building (see below) which is fenced in on all sides, is decorated by a gate covered with writing. This gate is

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located on the highway outside of Suchum in the direction of Tiflis.

5. In spite of strict regulations forbidding photography - THE HOUSE WHICH HAS TURNED INTO A PRISON - A warm southern sun, palms and bananas which grow naturally and freely in the open, surround this unusually comfortable house (that is, unusual for Russia) - all was made available to the German specialists working in Suchum. Sixteen families lived in this splendid building, but to them it became a prison. The fenced in "objects" could not be left. A company of soldiers guarded the houses. Whenever a visit to the city was unavoidable, an NKVD man followed close by. But when the work contracts with the Germans (which were written for two to three year periods) expired, the Russians did not permit the Germans to return to their homeland - they knew too much and upon them was promptly inflicted a concurrence quarantine of at least two years. The reason for this was that in the meantime they lost touch with Russia's current advance and therefore were of less use to the West. Picture on the right: In the year 1948/49 the German prisoners of war built this theatre at Suchum.

6. In the Concurrence Quarantine of Suchum, photographed for the first time - Manfred von Ardenne - So beautiful is the Caucasus in the environs of Suchum. This picture as well as the others in this "Quick" scoop, was taken by a German specialist who was sent to Suchum from a prison camp and shortly after serving his quarantine period was permitted to return home. He photographed more than was allowed but thanks to his cleverness we are able to show these pictures.

7. "Object #1" on a picnic. Now and then the Germans were permitted to take an

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outing into the Caucasus, naturally only with the accompaniment of the NKVD. The above specialists (eyes purposely blacked out) are even now still in Suchum. Thirty-five German families lived on the Black Sea. All of them wanted to return to Germany when their contract period expired. Moscow said: "First a quarantine period, then return to East Germany." As Pankow did not help these people (held against their will) they appealed to the Bonn Government's Ambassador Dr. Haas. Then the Kremlin protested: Bonn is not duly qualified to judge!

8. Life and Death in Suchum - A German radio-technician (with eyes blacked out) making purchases at the market at Suchum. Inside object #1 there were stores which carried a better class of goods than in the city proper. Letters and packages could be sent to the homeland as long as no sender's location was given. Left picture - One of the thirteen German graves at the cemetery. This one in particular is that of a galvanizing expert (or electro metallurgist) Schumacher who died from inhaling poisonous steam (fumes).
9. The world famous researcher Manfred von Ardenne with his daughter Beatrix. The now 49 year old (von Ardenne, pictured at right) went of his own free will to the Soviet Union in 1945, where for years he was manager of "Object #1" in Suchum. The Russians fulfilled the researcher's complete wishes O they brought every scientist he wanted (that they could get to him), provided him with all necessary equipment, and paid him 10,500 rubels (rubel = mark) per month, and also honored him with the Stalin prize worth 100,000 rubels. The Rusians also allowed Ardenne to bring to Russia not only his family but his house servants and his parents-in-law. On top of which Ardenne was permitted to transfer his pay to Germany. Also his co-workers in Suchum received princely pay. The least important received 2,000 rubels per month,

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with premiums on top of that.

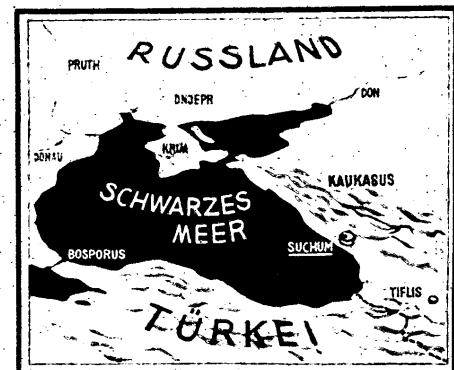
10. For the enthusiastic tennis player (Manfred Ardenne), a private tennis court was built. His wife was a master player with Red-White in Berlin. Even so, the much courted scientist was always accompanied by NKVD men on his auto trips into the Caucasus (see picture at right). For some time now, Ardenne has worked at the White Stag (deer) in Dresden, shut off from his surroundings as formerly at Suchum, and tempts and entices Western scientists with unusual offers of money and goods. Yet at Suchum the "concurrence quarantine" reigns on, even though in the meantime the isolation controls have become less severe.



„Objekt Nummer 1“ heißt das Atom-Institut, dessen Gelände schwarz umrandet ist. Das große weiße Gebäude ist das eigentliche Atom-Forschungszentrum. Dieses bewachte und von der Umwelt abgeschlossene Gebiet erstreckt sich an dem tropisch bewachsenen Ostufer des Schwarzen Meeres, 4 Kilometer von Suchum entfernt.



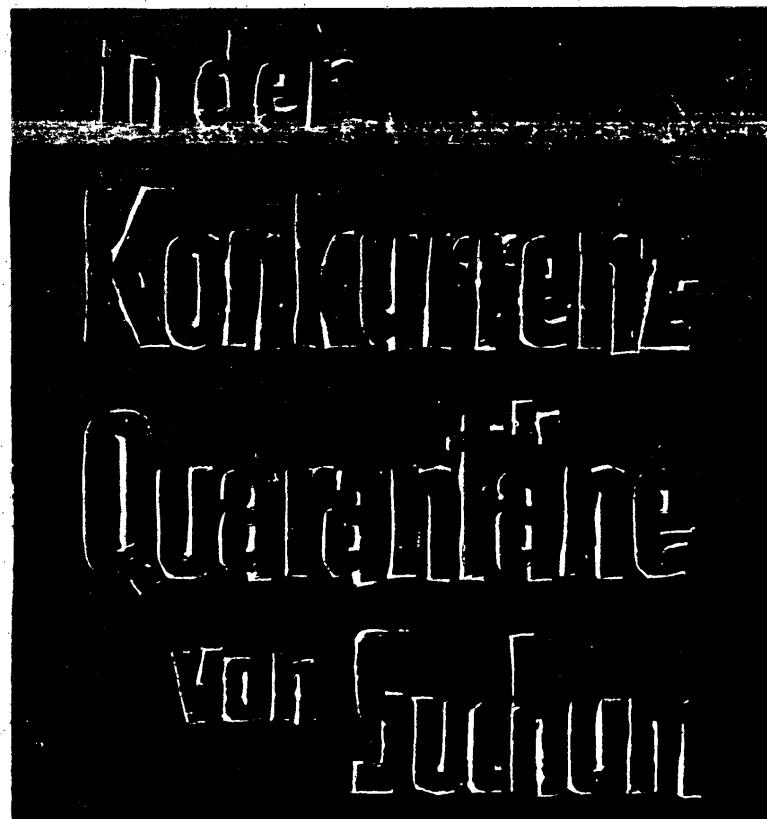
Von Stacheldraht umgeben: das Gelände des „Objekt Nummer 1“ in Suchum, das eine Stadt in der Stadt bildet. Im Hintergrund steigen die Hänge zum Kaukasus hinauf. Der einzige Zugang zu dem Gebäudekomplex (unten), der nach allen Seiten hin eingezäunt ist, wird von einem mit Aufschriften verzierten Holztor geschmückt. Das Tor liegt an der Landstraße, die von Suchum nach Tiflis führt.



In Suchum am Schwarzen Meer wurden zwei Forschungs-Zentren aufgebaut, in denen vor allem Isotopenspaltung betrieben wird. Aus Ost-Deutschland und von den verschiedenen Gefangenenträgern in ganz Rußland brachte man deutsche Spezialisten in den Kaukasus. Die hier lebende Bevölkerung besteht größtenteils aus Kaukasiern, die nur wenig russisch sprechen. Sie war den deutschen Forschern sehr zugänglich, und der Satz „Lieber die Deutschen als die Russen“ ist zum geflügelten Wort der gegen Moskau opponierenden Kaukasiern geworden.

Quick

zeigt als einzige Zeitschrift der Welt Bilder von dem geheimnisvollen Forschungszentrum der Sowjet-Union am Schwarzen Meer. Dort werden Deutsche gegen ihren Willen festgehalten, nur weil Rußland ihr Wissen um Rußlands Geheimnisse fürchtet. Die Deutschen leben



Seit Monaten kämpft Bonn einen erbitterten Kampf mit Moskau um die Freiheit dieser Menschen. Moskau verbot der Deutschen Botschaft, Kontakt mit unseren Wissenschaftlern aufzunehmen. QUICK aber kann Bilder von ihrem Leben hinterm Stacheldraht zeigen.



Das Haus, das zum Gefängnis wurde

Dem war es allzu Sonne, Palmen und Rosinen, die im Kreis wachsen, ein für Russland ungewöhnlich komfortables Haus, das alles wurde den deutschen Spezialisten geboten die in Sudham arbeiteten, 16 Familien wohnten in diesem weiten Proletariat, aber er wurde für sie zum Gefängnis! Da einzuzäunten „Oberte“ dachten nicht verlassen werden, eine konspirende Soldaten bewachte die Häuser, bei unsicherer diplomatischer Besuch wird ein NKWD Mann nicht

von der Seite. Als aber die auf zwei bis drei Jahre abgeschlossenen Arbeitsverträge der Deutschen abgelaufen waren, ließ man diese nicht in die Heimat zurück. Sie wußten zuviel, man verlangte aber sie deshalb kurzfristig eine „Konkurrenz-Quarantäne“ von mindestens zwei Jahren. Der Grund dafür zwischen waren sie nicht mehr auf dem antreten und bei den Westen uninteressant. Rechts: Die Ulica 46 49 hauptsächliche Kriegsschmiede des Sudhamer Theater





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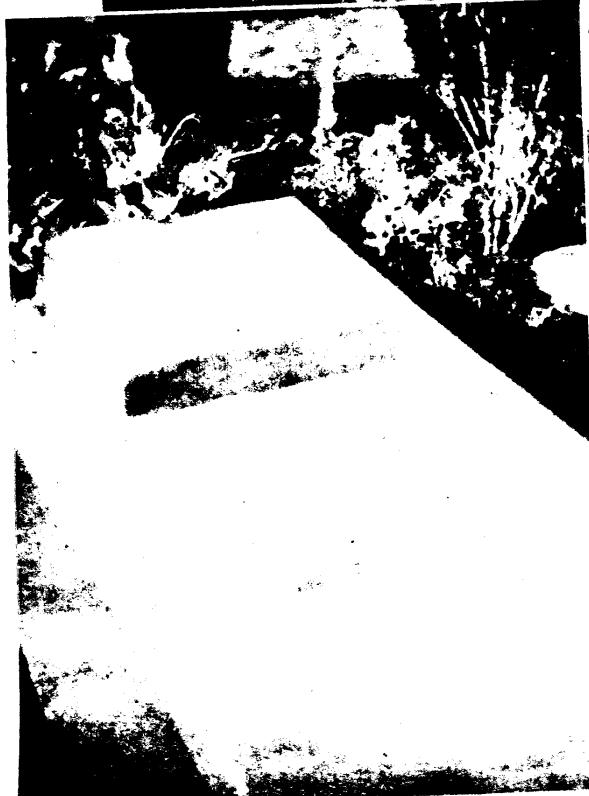
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So schön ist der Kaukasus in der Nähe von Suchum. Dieses Bild, wie auch die anderen Bilder des QUICK-Berichtes, hat ein deutscher Spezialist aufgenommen, der aus einem Gefangeneneilager nach Suchum geschickt und kurzlich nach Ablauf seiner „Quarantänezeit“ entlassen wurde. Er fotografierte mehr, als erlaubt war, und nur seinem Geschick ist es zu danken, daß diese Bilder erscheinen.



„Objekt 1“ auf Betriebsausflug

Ab und zu durften die Deutschen Ausflüge in den Kaukasus machen, natürlich nur unter NKWD-Begleitung. Die Spezialisten sind jetzt noch in Suchum tätig. 35 deutsche Familien leben am Schwarzen Meer. Doch alle wollten nach Ablauf ihrer Vertragszeit wieder nach Deutschland zurück. Moskau sagte: Erst Quarantäne, dann aber nur zentral in die DDR! Als Pankow diesen Festgehaltenen nicht half, wandten sie sich an Bonn. Moskauer Botschalter Dr. Hause: Du protestierst dir krumm! Bonn schreibt auf.



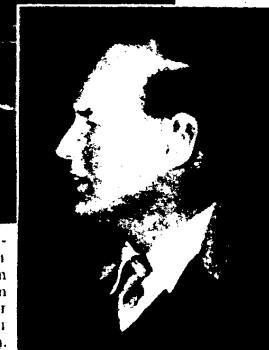
Leben und Tod von Suchum Ein deutscher Radio-Techniker mit Augenbinde und auf dem Markt von Suchum. Innerhalb des „Objekts“ Nummer 1 gab es Läden, die bessere Waren als die in der Stadt führten. Briefe und Pakete durften — ohne Ortsangabe — in die Heimat geschickt werden. Links: Ein deutsches Graber auf dem Friedhof Galvaniseur Schumacher starb an gütigen Dämpfen.



Der weltberühmte Forscher

Manfred von Ardenne mit seiner Tochter Beatrix. Der heute 49jährige ging 1945 (Bild rechts) freiwillig nach der Sowjetunion, wo er jahrelang Leiter des „Objekt Nummer 1“ in Suchum war. Die Russen erfüllten dem Forscher sämtliche Wünsche: Sie brachten jeden erwünschten und habhaften Wissenschaftler zu ihm, beschafften jedes Gerät, zahlten ihm

10500 Rubel (Rubel = Mark) monatlich, verliehen ihm den Stalinpreis in Höhe von 100 000 Rubel, erlaubten Ardenne, daß er seine Familie, die Haushilfin und auch seine Schwiegereltern mit nach Rußland brachte. Darüber hinaus: Ardenne durfte sein Gehalt nach Deutschland transferieren! Auch seine Mitarbeiter in Suchum wurden fürstlich entlohnt: Die „Kleineren“ unter ihnen verdienten ab 2000 Rubel monatlich, dazu noch Prämien.



Der begeisterte Tennisspieler

Manfred von Ardenne bekam in Suchum einen eigenen Tennisplatz gebaut. Seine Frau war eine Meisterspielerin bei Rot-Weiß Berlin. Doch auch der so umworbene Wissenschaftler wurde bei seinen Autofahrten in den Kaukasus (rechts)

stets von NKWD-Männern begleitet. Seit einiger Zeit arbeitet Ardenne - genauso von der Umwelt abgeschlossen wie schon vorher in Suchum - auf dem Weißen Hirsch bei Dresden und lockt westliche Wissenschaftler mit ungewöhnlichen Geld- und Sachangeboten. Doch in Suchum regiert weiterhin die „Konkurrenz-Quarantäne“, wenn auch die Absperrungen und Kontrollen inzwischen erleichtert wurden.

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4. Surrounded by barbed wire: the land of "Object #1" in Suchum is like a city within a city. In the background the slopes raise up to the Caucasus. The only entrance to the complex of building (see below) which is fenced in on all sides, is decorated by a gate covered with writing. This gate is

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located on the highway outside of Suchum in the direction of Tiflis.

5. In spite of strict regulations forbidding photography - THE HOUSE WHICH HAS TURNED INTO A PRISON - A warm southern sun, palms and bananas which grow naturally and freely in the open, surround this unusually comfortable house (that is, unusual for Russia) - all was made available to the German specialists working in Suchum. Sixteen families lived in this splendid building, but to them it became a prison. The fenced in "objects" could not be left. A company of soldiers guarded the houses. Whenever a visit to the city was unavoidable, an NKVD man followed close by. But when the work contracts with the Germans (which were written for two to three year periods) expired, the Russians did not permit the Germans to return to their homeland - they knew too much and upon them was promptly inflicted a concurrence quarantine of at least two years. The reason for this was that in the meantime they lost touch with Russia's current advance and therefore were of less use to the West. Picture on the right: In the year 1948/49 the German prisoners of war built this theatre at Suchum.

6. In the Concurrence Quarantine of Suchum, photographed for the first time - Manfred von Ardenne - So beautiful is the Caucasus in the environs of Suchum. This picture as well as the others in this "Quick" scoop, was taken by a German specialist who was sent to Suchum from a prison camp and shortly after serving his quarantine period was permitted to return home. He photographed more than was allowed but thanks to his cleverness we are able to show these pictures.
7. "Object #1" on a picnic. Now and then the Germans were permitted to take an

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outing into the Caucasus, naturally only with the accompaniment of the NKVD. The above specialists (eyes purposely blacked out) are even now still in Suchum. Thirty-five German families lived on the Black Sea. All of them wanted to return to Germany when their contract period expired. Moscow said: "First a quarantine period, then return to East Germany." As Pankow did not help these people (held against their will) they appealed to the Bonn Government's Ambassador Dr. Haas. Then the Kremlin protested: Bonn is not duly qualified to judge!

8. Life and Death in Suchum - A German radio-technician (with eyes blacked out) making purchases at the market at Suchum. Inside object #1 there were stores which carried a better class of goods than in the city proper. Letters and packages could be sent to the homeland as long as no sender's location was given. Left picture - One of the thirteen German graves at the cemetery. This one in particular is that of a galvanizing expert (or electro metallurgist) Schumacher who died from inhaling poisonous steam (fumes).

9. The world famous researcher Manfred von Ardenne with his daughter Beatrix. The now 49 year old (von Ardenne, pictured at right) went of his own free will to the Soviet Union in 1945, where for years he was manager of "object #1" in Suchum. The Russians fulfilled the researcher's complete wishes O they brought every scientist he wanted (that they could get to him), provided him with all necessary equipment, and paid him 10,500 rubels (rubel = mark) per month, and also honored him with the Stalin prize worth 100,000 rubels. The Rusians also allowed Ardenne to bring to Russia not only his family but his house servants and his parents-in-law. On top of which Ardenne was permitted to transfer his pay to Germany. Also his co-workers in Suchum received princely pay. The least important received 2,000 rubels per month,

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with premiums on top of that.

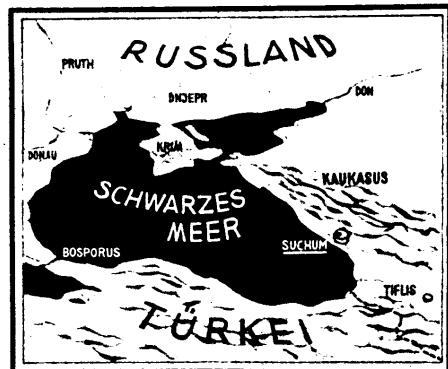
10. For the enthusiastic tennis player (Manfred Ardenne), a private tennis court was built. His wife was a master player with Red-White in Berlin. Even so, the much courted scientist was always accompanied by NKVD men on his auto trips into the Caucasus (see picture at right). For some time now, Ardenne has worked at the White Stag (deer) in Dresden, shut off from his surroundings as formerly at Suchum, and tempts and entices Western scientists with unusual offers of money and goods. Yet at Suchum the "concurrence quarantine" reigns on, even though in the meantime the isolation controls have become less severe.



„Objekt Nummer 1“ heißt das Atom-Institut, dessen Gelände schwarz umrandet ist. Das große weiße Gebäude ist das eigentliche Atom-Forschungszentrum. Dieses bewachte und von der Umwelt abgeschlossene Gebiet erstreckt sich an dem tropisch bewachsenen Ostufer des Schwarzen Meeres, 4 Kilometer von Suchum entfernt.



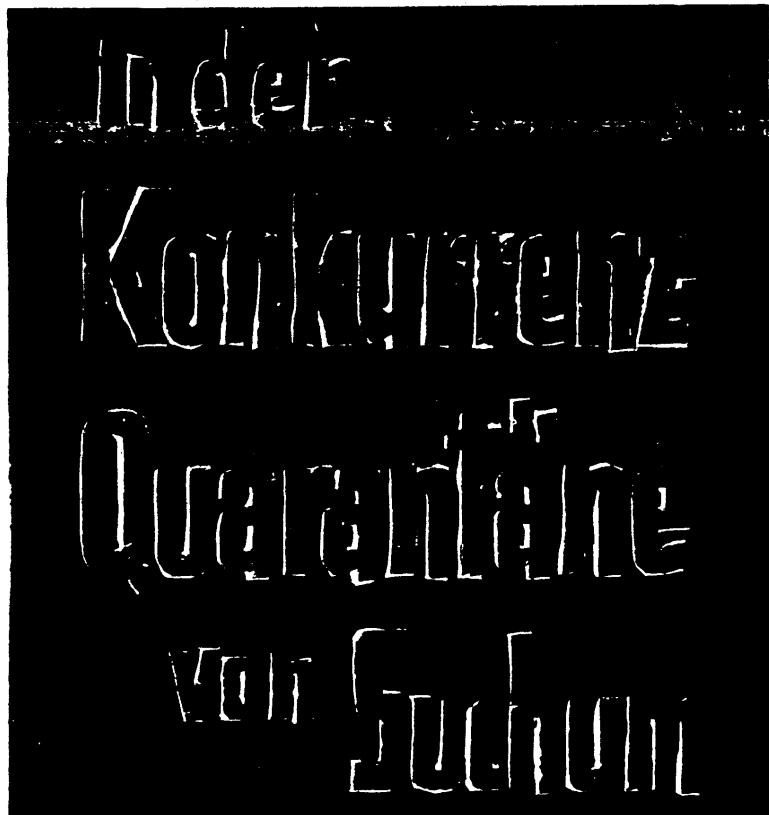
Von Stacheldraht umgeben: das Gelände des „Objekt Nummer 1“ in Suchum, das eine Stadt in der Stadt bildet. Im Hintergrund steigen die Hänge zum Kaukasus hinauf. Der einzige Zugang zu dem Gebäudekomplex (unten), der nach allen Seiten hin eingezäunt ist, wird von einem mit Aufschriften verzierten Holztor geschmückt. Das Tor liegt an der Landstraße, die von Suchum nach Tiflis führt.



In Suchum am Schwarzen Meer wurden zwei Forschungs-Zentren aufgebaut, in denen vor allem Isotopenspaltung betrieben wird. Aus Ost-Deutschland und von den verschiedenen Gefangenennagern in ganz Rußland brachte man deutsche Spezialisten in den Kaukasus. Die hier lebende Bevölkerung besteht größtenteils aus Kaukasiern, die nur wenig russisch sprechen. Sie war den deutschen Forschern sehr zugänglich, und der Satz „Lieber die Deutschen als die Russen“ ist zum geflügelten Wort der gegen Moskau opponierenden Kaukasier geworden.

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zeigt als einzige Zeitschrift der Welt Bilder von dem geheimnisvollen Forschungszentrum der Sowjet-Union am Schwarzen Meer. Dort werden Deutsche gegen ihren Willen festgehalten, nur weil Rußland ihr Wissen um Rußlands Geheimnisse fürchtet. Die Deutschen leben



Seit Monaten kämpft Bonn einen erbitterten Kampf mit Moskau um die Freiheit dieser Menschen. Moskau verbot der Deutschen Botschaft, Kontakt mit unseren Wissenschaftlern aufzunehmen. QUICK aber kann Bilder von ihrem Leben hinterm Stacheldraht zeigen.

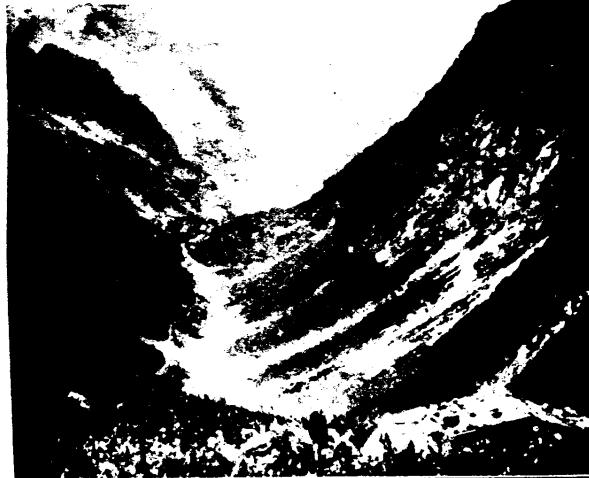


Das Haus, das zum Gefängnis wurde

Eine war ein einfache Sorgs. Palmen und Bananen die im Freien wachsen, ein mit Goldband eingewickeltes komfortables Haus, das alles wurde den deutschen Spionen gehörten die in Stachan abhefteten. Die Familien wohnten in diesem weißen Prachtbau, aber er wurde für sie zum Gefängnis! Da einzezuamten Objekte darunter nicht verlassen werden eine kompanie Soldaten ne wachte die Hause bei unverändelicher Stadtbasis nach einem NKWD-Mord nicht

von der Seite. Als aber die auf zwei bis drei Jahre abgeschlossenen Arbeitsverträge der bestens abgelaufen waren, ließ man diese nicht in die Heimat zurück. Sie wußten zu viel, man verkaute aber sie deshalb kurzerhand eine Konkurrenz-Quarantäne von mindestens zwei Jahren. Der Gießend dazwischen waren sie nicht mehr auf dem Astorien und vor dem Westen uninteressant. Rechts. Im Jahre 38/49 bauten deutsche Kreisbeamte das Stachaner Theater





In der Konkurrenz-Quarantäne von Suchum

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So schön ist der Kaukasus in der Nähe von Suchum. Dieses Bild, wie auch die anderen Bilder des QUICK-Berichtes, hat ein deutscher Spezialist aufgenommen, der aus einem Gefangenene Lager nach Suchum geschickt und kürzlich nach Ablauf seiner „Quarantänezeit“ entlassen wurde. Er fotografierte mehr, als erlaubt war, und nur seinem Geschick ist es zu danken, daß diese Bilder erscheinen.

Zum erstenmal fotografiert:
Manfred von Ardenne



,,Objekt 1“ auf Betriebsausflug

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Ab und zu durften die Deutschen Ausflüge in den Kaukasus machen, natürlich nur unter NKWD-Begleitung. Die mit Augenbinden versehenen Spezialisten sind jetzt noch in Suchum tätig. 35 deutsche Familien lebten am Schwarzen Meer. Doch alle wollten nach Ablauf ihrer Vertragszeit wieder nach Deutschland zurück. Moskau sagte: Erst Quarantäne, dann aber nur zurück in die DDR! Als Pankow diesen Festgehaltenen nicht half, wandten sie sich an Bonns Moskauer Botschafter Dr. Haas. Da protestierte der Kreml: Bonn ist nicht zuständig!



Leben und Tod von Suchum

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Ein deutscher Radio-Techniker (mit Augenblende) beim Einkauf auf dem Markt von Suchum. Innerhalb des „Objekt Nummer 1“ gab es Läden, die bessere Waren als die in der Stadt führten. Briefe und Pakete durften — ohne Ostsangabe — in die Heimat geschickt werden. Links: Eines der 13 deutschen Gräber auf dem Friedhof. Galvaniseur Schumacher starb an giftigen Dämpfen.



Der weltberühmte Forscher

Manfred von Ardenne mit seiner Tochter Beatrix. Der heute 49jährige ging 1945 (Bild rechts) freiwillig nach der Sowjetunion, wo er jahrelang Leiter des „Objekt Nummer 1“ in Suchum war. Die Russen erfüllten dem Forscher sämtliche Wünsche: Sie brachten jeden erwünschten und habhaften Wissenschaftler zu ihm, beschafften jedes Gerät, zahlten ihm

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10500 Rubel (Rubel = Mark) monatlich, verliehen ihm den Stalinpreis in Höhe von 100 000 Rubel, erlaubten Ardenne, daß er seine Familie, die Hausgehilfin und auch seine Schwiegereltern mit nach Rußland brachte. Darüber hinaus: Ardenne durfte sein Gehalt nach Deutschland transferieren! Auch seine Mitarbeiter in Suchum wurden fürstlich entlohnt: Die „Kleineren“ unter ihnen verdienten ab 2000 Rubel monatlich, dazu noch Prämien.



Der begeisterte Tennisspieler

Manfred von Ardenne bekam in Suchum einen eigenen Tennisplatz gebaut. Seine Frau war eine Meisterspielerin bei Rot-Weiß Berlin. Doch auch der so umworben Wissenschaftler wurde bei seinen Autofahrten in den Kaukasus (rechts)



stets von NKWD-Männern begleitet. Seit einiger Zeit arbeitet Ardenne – genauso von der Umwelt abgeschlossen wie schon vorher in Suchum – auf dem Weißen Hirsch bei Dresden und lockt westliche Wissenschaftler mit ungewöhnlichen Geld- und Sachangeboten. Doch in Suchum regiert weiterhin die „Konkurrenz-Quarantäne“, wenn auch die Absperungen und Kontrollen inzwischen erleichtert wurden.